GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed bilateral trade agreements with G-20 countries during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) and (b) : The G-20 is a group of developing countries which came together on 20 August 2003, with a view to defending an outcome in the agricultural negotiations of the World Trade Organisation under the Doha Round, that would reflect the level of ambition of the Doha mandate and the interests of developing countries.The G-20 Group comprises 23 member countries: 5 from Africa (Egypt, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania and Zimbabwe), 6 from Asia (China, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Philippines and Thailand) and 12 from Latin America (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela). The G-20 has not evolved any positions on bilateral trade.

Independent of the G-20 process, India has signed Preferential Trade Agreements with MERCOSUR (a bloc of Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay) in January 2004 and with Chile in March 2006, all of which are members of G-20.